

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JUDY PALMER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise today and pay tribute to Judy Palmer of Basalt, Colorado. Judy has spent many decades of her life dedicated and committed to the education of our youth. As she retires from teaching, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize her remarkable career before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Judy has spent nearly thirty years teaching our children. She began teaching in Basalt in 1975, and although she has taught many different age ranges including elementary and middle school students, her passion is teaching sixth grade. Over the past two years, she has split time teaching a class of gifted and talented students and another class of at-risk students. She relishes the opportunity to encourage students to acquire a love of learning. As a testament to her dedication to educating our youth, the Basalt Town Council honored her as the area's "Most Inspirational Teacher of the Year." This award speaks to her ability to connect with the kids because students nominated the potential honorees.

Mr. Speaker, Judy Palmer has been a positive influence on many students throughout her career. I commend her work as a teacher and let it be known that the community will sorely miss her work. She has been very successful in the past and I wish her continued success in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. MCINTYRE. I was in Scotland as part of a U.S. Delegation at the 13th annual session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and was therefore unavoidably absent for rollcall votes 326 and 327. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 326, H. Con. Res. 410, and "yes" on rollcall vote 327, H. Con. Res. 257.

U.S.-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 4759, the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, and I wish to

draw members' attention to Australia's unauthorized oil drilling for resources in the Timor Sea, at the expense of the world's poorest and newest nation, East Timor.

East Timor gained independence in 1999, and since then, has received a great amount of aid from the international community. Australia has been one of the more generous nations. East Timor is still one of the most impoverished nations in Asia however, and despite its modest government budget, it will accrue an estimated deficit of US \$126.3 by 2007. This deficit cannot be good for East Timor.

Close off the coast of East Timor lies many rich oil and gas fields. But East Timor does not stand to profit. Instead, Australia claims sovereignty over the fields and is only halfheartedly negotiating with East Timor to arrive at an equitable sharing of the oil. In 2007, East Timor is expected to start collecting a small amount of revenue from just some of rich oil and natural gas resources that exist in the Timor Sea, just off the coast of East Timor. East Timor's rightful claim is protected by international law, the 1982 UN Convention of the Law of the Sea, which specifically says that the maritime boundary between two countries exists halfway between the countries. Despite this law, Australia has laid claim to the resources, citing an illegitimate treaty with Indonesia from 1972 that delimited Australia's maritime boundary as the continental shelf line, which exists much closer to East Timor than Australia. At the time the treaty was signed, East Timor was occupied by Indonesia. East Timor gained independence in 1999 thereby invalidating the treaty between Indonesia and Australia.

Between 1999 and 2002, Australia made \$638 million from the Laminaria-Corallina oil fields, even though these fields are twice as close to East Timor than Australia. By 2007, Australia is expected to make \$1.266 billion from these fields.

The Laminaria-Corallina oil fields are just some of the many rich resources that exist in the Timor Sea. The Greater Sunrise fields, located 150 km south of East Timor, and 400 km north of Australia, although not yet tapped, are expected to bring in over \$30 billion. Certainly East Timor's economic future could improve considerably with these resources included in its territory.

Australia has proposed a Joint Petroleum Development Area, an area covering 40 percent of the energy fields in the Timor Sea, and specifically the Bayu-Undan field. In this Area, East Timor would receive 90 percent of the oil production, estimated by the Australian government to be valued at \$300 million. The success of this production, however, is yet to be determined, as the resources will not bring in revenue until 2007. But as for the much richer Greater Sunrise field, expected to yield \$30 billion, Australia claims the right to over 80 percent.

Australia claims to be negotiating with East Timor about their much needed maritime boundary in "good faith." Yet it took over a

year of pleading by the East Timorese government in order for the Australian government to finally concede to the negotiation process, and they only conceded to meet twice per year. East Timor has requested that the maritime boundary be determined within 3–5 years, a reasonable amount of time for settling this type of dispute, yet Australia has refused, claiming this dispute is much too complicated for a time limit to be set. In the meantime, Australia only benefits from time passing, as it continues to drill in the Laminaria-Corallina oil fields and has taken initial steps to guarantee drilling in the Greater Sunrise fields. It has been suggested to the Australian government that revenue from the resources extracted in the disputed area be held in escrow until the maritime border is determined between East Timor and Australia. Once again, the Australian government has refused, displaying "bad faith" in the negotiating process.

Australia is a strong and wealthy country, certainly the stronghold of the region. East Timor has very little, and any leverage it may have in negotiating with Australia over its rightful claim to the resources in the Timor Sea lies completely in its moral claim. I urge my colleagues to support the efforts of the world's newest independent state.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed three votes in the House of Representatives on July 19, 2004. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

Vote on H.R. 1587, the Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2003. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on S. Con. Res. 114, the "Food distribution in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world" Resolution. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on S. 2264, the Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING DAULTON RANCH

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daulton Ranch on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. The Daulton Ranch was the first and is the longest standing cattle operation in Madera County, California.

Henry Clay Daulton, the son of a soldier in the War of 1812, and the grandson of a Revolutionary War soldier, left Missouri for California during the Gold Rush of 1849. Together, in 1854 Henry Clay and his wife Mary

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Jane created Daulton Ranch out of a small piece of property at the north end of then Fresno County that grew to over 17,000 acres in what is today Madera County. Along the way Daulton Ranch, which began as a sheep and cattle operation, gradually became a cattle only operation and today is renowned for its choice Hereford cattle.

Henry Clay Daulton was not only an asset to his community as a rancher, but also as a civil servant. Mr. Daulton served as Chairman of the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and under his leadership Fresno County grew and prospered. Later, Mr. Daulton spearheaded the movement to create a new county out of a northern section of Fresno County which became and is today Madera County.

Today, Daulton Ranch continues its vibrant legacy under the stewardship of Henry Clay Daulton III and his wife Dusty. They are as much a value to the community as the long family line that came before them.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Daulton Ranch on the occasion of its 150th anniversary celebration. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the Daulton Ranch and wishing the Daulton family many more years of continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 391, 392, and 393 on Monday, July 19, 2004, I was unavoidably detained due to inclement weather and delayed air service at Dulles International Airport, and unable to cast my vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted the following: On rollcall 391, the Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2003, I would have voted "no;" on rollcall 392, concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world, I would have voted "yea;" and on rollcall 393, the Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act, I would have voted "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHILD AND MIGRANT SERVICES

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged today to rise and pay tribute to the hard-working staff at Child and Migrant Services in Palisade, Colorado. For the last fifty years this organization has provided valuable service to the migrant workers in Palisade, and I would like to take this opportunity to join my colleagues and recognize their work before this body of Congress and this nation.

Child and Migrant Services started as the dream of three friends with a desire to help the migrant workers that come to the United States from countries in Central and South America. They started off by giving meals and donated clothes to the migrants. In 1940, the founders expanded their services and started a thrift shop out of a mobile home trailer. This

thrift shop provided a more structured venture, which eventually led to their incorporation in 1954.

Child and Migrant Services has grown much over its fifty years of existence. They have expanded their services to include a program to address basic needs, maintain nutrition, and provide job assistance programs, education and recreation opportunities. They also have programs that provide for emergency care, counsel migrant workers, and help to find suitable and affordable housing.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Child and Migrant Services and its staff provide a valuable service to the Palisade Community. Their work helps migrant workers build a solid foundation in their new surroundings. I thank them for their tremendous work and wish them all the best in the future.

APOLLO 11 ANNIVERSARY

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the *Apollo 11* moon landing. When NASA created the *Apollo* program in the early 60's, America was in the midst of the Cold War and the Soviet Union had put an astronaut into orbit. A mere eight years after Kennedy expressed the vision of landing an American on the Moon and returning him safely to Earth, our country launched *Apollo 11*, which carried three men: Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins into outer space. It was an enormously successful mission that proved America's leadership, technological strength, and drive. It proved that our great Nation could take on even the most daunting challenge if it had the will to do so.

The *Apollo 11* mission captured our imagination and inspired generations of young men and women to reach toward the stars. The next three and a half decades witnessed enormous technological and biological advancements fostered by the space program. The experiments conducted on the International Space Station allow scientists to discover new tools and medicines to combat debilitating diseases like stroke, osteoporosis, and heart disease.

Today, we remember the men and women of NASA who made the dream of landing a man on the Moon a reality. We also celebrate our Nation's continuing quest to explore the universe and push new frontiers of knowledge. On January 14, 2004, we were pointed toward a new Vision for Space Exploration and a renewed commitment to the American dream of reaching for new frontiers. For the first time in over 40 years, our Nation once again has a Vision. We owe it to future generations of Americans and the men and women who have kept the space mission alive for decades to continue to forge ahead. Congress should approve the President's modest request for an increase in NASA funds this year so that we can continue this journey, secure our national interest, and fulfill America's destiny in space.

A NOBEL LAUREATE'S CRITIQUE OF BUSH TRADE POLICIES

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, one of the most damaging myths that people in Washington seek to perpetuate is that opposition to recent trade pacts is rooted in isolationism and unreasonable protectionism. In fact, many of those who best understand the value of international economic cooperation, done properly, reject the Administration's approach. Among the most thoughtful advocates of an alternative approach to globalization is Joseph E. Stiglitz, a Nobel Prize winner in economics in 2001, who also served as Chief Economist at the World Bank and in important economic positions in the Clinton Administration. In the *New York Times* for July 10, Professor Stiglitz set forward part of the argument against the Bush Administration trade policies, and explained exactly why those people most dedicated to alleviating worldwide poverty and social distress seek an alternative approach. I ask that Mr. Stiglitz's very thoughtful column be printed here.

[From the *New York Times*, July 10, 2004]

NEW TRADE PACTS BETRAY THE POOREST PARTNERS

(By Joseph E. Stiglitz)

The United States and Morocco last month signed a new bilateral trade treaty. The Bush administration has been bragging that it exemplifies the way its economic policies can build new ties and new friendships around the world. This is especially important in the Middle East, where, in other respects, America's foreign policy seems to have left something to be desired. The cooperation with moderate Arab governments is meant to demonstrate our broadmindedness, our willingness to offer a carrot (rather than the proverbial stick) to those who behave reasonably.

But regrettably, in negotiating the trade agreements with Morocco, Chile and other countries, the Bush administration has used the same approach that earned us the enmity of so much of the rest of the world. The bilateral agreements reveal an economic policy dictated more by special interests than by a concern for the well-being of our poorer trading partners. In Morocco, prospects of the trade agreement were greeted by protests—an unusual occurrence in a country that is only slowly moving to democracy. The new agreement, many Moroccans fear, will make generic drugs needed in the fight against AIDS even less accessible in their country than they are in the United States. According to Morocco's Association de Lutte contre le SIDA, an AIDS agency, the agreement could increase the effective duration of patent protection from the normal length of 20 years to 30 years.

Morocco is not the only country that is worrying about access to life-saving drugs. In all its bilateral agreements, the United States is using its economic muscle to help big drug companies protect their products from generic competitors. For a country like Thailand, which is facing a real AIDS threat, these are issues of more than academic concern.

President Bush's policy, in this area seems puzzling and hypocritical. While he talks about a global campaign against AIDS, and has offered substantial sums to back it up, what he is giving with one hand is being

taken away with the other. Most Americans, I believe, would support greater access to life-saving generic drugs. The loss to the drug companies would be small, and must surely be dwarfed by the huge tax breaks they get.

Nor are drugs the only arena in which the United States has used its economic power to advance some special American interest. The agreement with Chile limited its ability to restrict the inflow of speculative, hot money—money that can come in and out of a country on a moment's notice. Chile had recognized the potential destabilizing effects of these capital movements, and had imposed moderate taxes on these flows. Such restrictions had helped Chile grow a remarkable 7 percent a year in the early 1990's. That is because, unlike many of its neighbors in Latin America, Chile did not have to face the economic havoc caused by capital suddenly flowing in and then just as quickly flowing out. Today, even the International Monetary Fund recognizes that capital-market liberalization often leads to more instability instead of faster growth.

In telecommunications, too, in Morocco and elsewhere, we have put forward demands (for example, concerning the use of transmitting facilities and the wholesaling of transmission capacities) that we would oppose strenuously if someone were to impose them on us. In the view of the developing world, the bargaining has been extraordinarily one-sided—with all the power on America's side.

The United States and its trade representative, Robert Zoellick, are right that trade policy can be an important instrument for building good will. But when conducted as it has been by the Bush administration, it can be, and is, a way to build ill will, especially among the young, who worry that their elders are selling them short.

If the trade agreements bring the economic benefits promised, if the lack of access to affordable drugs (including generic drugs) proves less troublesome than the naysayers worry, then all may be forgiven. But there is a good chance that this will not be the case: in Mexico, for example, real wages actually declined in the decade after the North American Free Trade Agreement. And looking ahead, the demands for capital-market liberalization have a good chance of exposing Chile's economy to disruption, while the AIDS epidemic and the need for cheap drugs to fight it are not about to go away.

The good news is that the damage has been limited so far because we have been able to pressure only a few small countries to sign bilateral trade agreements. The bad news is that the enmity that we are earning through these pacts will only grow.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, on July 19, 2004 I missed rollcall votes No. 391, the Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2003, No. 392 concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world, and No. 393 Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act.

Had I been here I would have voted: Yes on rollcall No. 391; Yes on rollcall No. 392; Yes on rollcall No. 393.

At this time I would ask for unanimous consent that my positions be entered into the RECORD following those votes or in the appropriate portion of the RECORD.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McINTYRE. I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote 348. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 348, on Tabling the Ruling of the Chair.

IN HONOR OF THE JULIA DE BURGOS CULTURAL ARTS CENTER'S PRESENTATION OF THE 36TH ANNUAL PUERTO RICAN PARADE AND LATINO FESTIVAL DEDICATED IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF ROBERTO OCASIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, rise today in honor of the Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center's presentation of the 36th Annual Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival, in honor and memory of Roberto Ocasio, held July 16 through July 18, 2004 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Once again, the leaders of our Puerto Rican community have organized an event that promises to highlight the magnificent history and culture of Puerto Rico. This wonderful production of Puerto Rican gifts will include traditional culinary offerings, arts, crafts, and dance and song. Clevelanders of all ages and of every ethnic background will gather in downtown Cleveland to share in the celebration of this joyous event.

Moreover, the 2004 Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival is dedicated in honor and remembrance of Roberto Ocasio. His musical genius paralleled his love for his family and community, and his generous heart and gift of song will forever be remembered by Cleveland's Hispanic community—and far beyond.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the leaders, members and participants of the 36th Annual Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival. This wondrous summer celebration promises to create a bridge of celebration from Puerto Rico to Cleveland for all whom attend. The history and culture of the beloved island of Puerto Rico springs to life every summer as the sounds and sights of Puerto Rico rise in hope, joy and celebration in downtown Cleveland, enriching the diverse fabric of our entire Cleveland community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM RYUN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I missed six votes in the House of Representatives on July 15, 2004. Had I been in attendance I would have made the following votes:

Vote on the Buyer Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act

of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on the Sanders Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Vote on the Nethercutt Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on the Jackson-Lee Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

Vote on the Weiner Amendment to H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "yea."

Vote on final passage of H.R. 4814, Foreign Operations Appropriations Act of FY 2005. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted "no."

HONORING JACK W. SCHNOOR,
SENIOR FARMER OF THE YEAR

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jack W. Schnoor as the Madera Chamber of Commerce and Madera County Farm Bureau Senior Farmer of the Year. Mr. Schnoor will be recognized at the Madera County Farm Bureau's 83rd Annual Members' Meeting and Senior Farmer Presentation on July 22nd in Madera, California.

Mr. Schnoor's dedication to his country and his strong work ethic have brought much success for him and his family. Born in 1932, he has contributed 49 years to Madera County agriculture. Mr. Schnoor farms over 3,000 acres. His crops include almonds, cotton, corn, alfalfa, barley, wheat, oats, grapes, tomatoes, and potatoes. He has been named as an FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer and from 1988–1996, was awarded as the National Corn Grower Association's Corn Yield winner.

A proud member of many organizations and the recipient of several awards, Jack Schnoor served as President and Clerk Trustee of Chowchilla High School from 1976–88, Trustee for Merced College, Treasurer for Chowchilla High School and is a member of the Rotary and the 20–30 Club, and served on the Madera County Grand Jury. In farming, he has dedicated himself to the industry by having acted as a member of the Board of Directors of Federal Lank Bank for 8 years and served as President. He is a member of the Madera County Farm Bureau and the National Corn Growers Association.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack W. Schnoor for being named Senior Farmer of the Year by the Madera Chamber of Commerce and Madera County Farm Bureau. His contributions to America's agriculture communities have been invaluable. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Schnoor for this achievement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, due to my attendance at the World AIDS Conference in Bangkok Thailand, I regrettably missed a number of rollcall votes last week.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Nos.: 370, 369, 366, 364, 363, 362, 361, 359, 358, 357, 356, 355, 354, 353, and 349. I would have voted "no" on rollcall Nos: 368, 367, 365, 360, 352, 351, 350, and 348.

CONGRATULATING VIVEK VISWANATHAN, WINNER OF THE U.S. INSTITUTE OF PEACE NATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise proudly to inform the House that the winner of the U.S. Institute of Peace's (USIP) 2004 National Peace Essay Contest is Vivek Viswanathan, a junior at Herricks High School in New Hyde Park, New York. Out of more than 1,000 contestants from all 50 States, U.S. territories and even overseas schools, Vivek's composition, "Establishing Peaceful and Stable Postwar Societies Through Effective Rebuilding Strategy," was judged by USIP's distinguished Board of Directors to be the national first place essay.

Having met Vivek, and having seen what a mature and thoughtful young man he is, I know how proud his parents and family must be at this time. A well-rounded individual, interested in public and world affairs as well as sports and music, Vivek is a terrific example of what America's youth are capable of.

Vivek's essay is lucid, concise and compelling. In light of the ongoing post-conflict struggles in Southeast Europe, Afghanistan and Iraq, I believe his observations are worth the attention of the whole House and I will ask that Vivek's essay be included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Unlike many putative experts, Vivek's understanding of post-conflict dynamics begins with the observation that "the discontinuation of armed conflict does not imply resolution of the underlying concerns that caused the conflict." Many American lives and millions of dollars might have been saved had our government acknowledged this basic premise months ago.

Vivek points out simple keys to success in helping states recover: The plan for reconstruction must be tailored to the specific situation at hand; the international community must supply an abundance of resources both economic and military; and the reconstruction process must have a national rather than international imprimatur to be accepted by the society being rebuilt. Sadly, it seems to me these very common-sense approaches have been lacking in our own recent stabilization efforts.

The good news, I hope, is that our struggles today will inform the leaders of tomorrow, the

Vivek Viswanathans who will write and study and guide our country in the future. All of the contestants in USIP's contest are worthy not only of our praise, but our strong encouragement. Their enthusiasm, their concern and their passion for a better world are the best guarantee of our Nation's bright future.

Mr. Speaker, Vivek Viswanathan richly deserves our congratulations, and I know the whole House will join me in wishing him the very best for the future, a future of continued achievement and ever greater distinction and one, we may hope too, of peace.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2005

SPEECH OF

HON. WALTER B. JONES

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

The House in Committee of the White House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4766), making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes:

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Chairman, yesterday I voted for the FY05 Agriculture Appropriations Bill because it provides American farmers with the support they need to continue to be the world's leading suppliers of food and fiber.

However, I am strongly opposed to the Flake Amendment that was accepted during floor consideration of that bill. While this amendment would not foreclose a tobacco buyout, it would make it more difficult to implement.

This House needs to recognize that the federal government is decimating our rural tobacco communities. A buyout is the only fair way to eliminate the Depression-era federal tobacco program and transition to a free market production system. The last thing we need is an amendment that complicates this transition and destroys American jobs.

Therefore, I will do everything in my power to get this wrong-headed amendment stripped from the bill before it is sent to the President's desk.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID TAWEI LEE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. David Tawei Lee. Dr. David Tawei Lee, Taiwan's premier diplomat in Europe, has been reassigned to replace Representative C.J. Chen as Taiwan's top representative in Washington. Dr. Lee will be in charge of Taiwan's Washington office and serve as Taiwan's de-facto ambassador in Washington.

Dr. Lee is uniquely qualified for this top post. He began his Foreign Service career in

Taiwan's Washington office from 1982 to 1988. From 1993 to 1996 he was Director General of Taiwan's office in Boston. In 1996 he was Director-General of North American Affairs at Taiwan's foreign ministry. Subsequently he was Taiwan's spokesman from 1997 to 1998 and Taiwan's deputy foreign minister. For the last few years he was Taiwan's number one diplomat in Europe, responsible for liaising with all European countries.

Dr. Lee received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Virginia and did research work at Harvard University. In 2000 Oxford University Press published his monumental study, *The Making of the Taiwan Relations Act* which offers an unprecedented look into the legislative history of the Taiwan Relations Act.

I am pleased that the Taiwan government has assigned Dr. Lee to represent Taiwan in Washington. In the months ahead, Dr. Lee will continue to strengthen the relations between Taiwan and Washington. I am sure that he will do an excellent job given his strong professional and academic credentials. Many of us look forward to welcoming him to Washington.

Like many of my colleagues, I have enjoyed working with the outstanding diplomats from Taiwan. I have also enjoyed working with Professor Nathan Mao. Having written a number of books and articles on Chinese subjects, he is a China expert. His knowledge as well as his communication skills are highly respected on the Hill.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in extending a warm welcome to Ambassador David Tawei Lee and his wife Madam Lin Chih and I invite my colleagues to do the same.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, July 19, 2004, because of the leave of absence, I was unable to vote on legislation. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall 391: To promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam, "yes."

Rollcall 392: Concerning the importance of the distribution of food to hungry or malnourished children around the world, "yes."

Rollcall 393: Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act, "yes."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TOM DENNIS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the selfless service of Tom Dennis of Grand Junction, Colorado. For more than seven years, Tom has shown incredible devotion to the betterment of his community by helping to feed the hungry. It is my privilege to recognize his service before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Tom began this noble mission in 1997 when he received word that a Los Angeles food bank was short on food. He figured the farming communities on Colorado's Western Slope could help, so he organized a donation of potatoes weighing three-thousand pounds from a farm in Delta, Colorado. This rewarding experience encouraged Tom to further involve himself. Building on that foundation, he founded a nonprofit venture called Go-el. The mission of Go-el is to provide bare necessities to the less fortunate, focusing on the less fortunate living on the Western Slope. The structure of Go-el is such that it reaches out to national organizations for donations, and then Go-el will distribute these donations to more specialized charities in the area.

Over the time Go-el has existed, the organization has distributed three-million pounds of donated products. As a testament to his service, the Grand Junction Kiwanis Club recently recognized Tom's leadership, by honoring him with their 2004 Citizen of the Year award.

Mr. Speaker, Tom Dennis is truly an outstanding citizen dedicated to his fellow citizens in his community. His leadership and selflessness are assets to his Grand Junction community and to those in need. I wish to thank Tom for his efforts and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall vote 391, 392, and 393. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 391, H.R. 1587; "yes" on rollcall vote 392, S. Con. Res. 114; and "yes" on rollcall vote 393, S. 2264.

IN HONOR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the leaders and members of St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral of Cleveland, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of faith, guidance and support, offered to generations of citizens within our Cleveland community.

St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Church of Cleveland is the first and oldest Romanian Orthodox church in the United States. The centennial celebration, to be held over the August 14th weekend, will be led by American Archbishop Nathaniel and assisted by clergy from across the country and around the world.

This historic cathedral has been the focal point of visiting dignitaries from Romania and other European countries, and has also been the site of official visits from United States senators and ambassadors representing nations from around the world. Moreover, this sacred landmark is home to the Romanian Art

Museum—a cultural haven for Romanian visual art, including the unique art form of iconography.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of every leader and member of St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral of Cleveland, Ohio, as they celebrate one hundred years of fostering faith, hope and heritage for generations of families within our Cleveland community. We also honor the collective commitment to the culture, history, struggles and triumphs of the people of Romania. Moreover, we honor and recognize the commitment to America, as reflected in the lives of thousands of Americans of Romanian heritage—Americans whose contribution and service to our Cleveland community and to our nation are immeasurable.

HONORING BOB AND ELLEN KORTHUIS

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mrs. MUGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two of my very dear friends, Bob and Ellen Korthius of Roggen, Colorado. These individuals have dedicated their lives to serving others and through their gentle example and wise counsel have enriched the lives of countless men and women.

Faithfully serving Christ has been the focus of Bob Korthius' life since he accepted the Lord at an American Sunday School Union Vacation Bible School near Golden, Colorado when he was 12 years old. Around the same time, 13 year old Ellen Nelson made a similar decision to devote her life to Christ when she attended an old fashioned tent meeting held in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Both would go on to attend Calvary Bible College in St. Louis, Missouri, where they met and married in 1955. After graduating, Bob and Ellen moved to Cortez, Colorado where they became pioneer missionaries with American Sunday School Union in the Four Corners area, ministering to men and women in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. There, they planted churches, held vacation bible schools, started a camp and began a flying ministry to bring the gospel to men and women living in uranium camps.

In 1970, Bob and Ellen, along with their four children, Bob Jr., Daniel Jon, Carolyn and Patricia moved to Denver, Colorado. While living in Denver, the Korthius family was instrumental in reviving many rural churches by flying students from area Bible colleges into small towns to serve as pastors and lay leaders. During the same time, Bob and Ellen directed Camp Salvation at North Lake, west of Trinidad, Colorado.

Always full of enthusiasm and love for young people, in 1973, the Korthius family moved to Bailey, Colorado to take over the directorship of Camp IdRaHaJe, a tremendous undertaking, since the camp included 70 workers and could handle up to 500 campers at one time. Camp IdRaHaJe had something for everyone, Frontier Town for the youngest children, Teepee Camp for the 11 and 12 years old, Ranch Camp for Jr. High students, and a High School Lodge Camp. Building forts, cooking over a fire, backpacking trips, horse

packing trips, rafting, and bicycling through the mountains were all part of the unique atmosphere of this wonderful place.

Every member of the Korthius family took part in running the camp; Bob serving as director and leading many of packing trips, Ellen, Carolyn and Patricia running the bookstore, sweet shop, and craft and ceramic shop, and Dan serving as the camp wrangler. Although he was older, Bob Jr. even spent one summer at the camp acting as the "road runner" making sure everyone had all the supplies they needed. Bob and Ellen Korthius gave their children a very special upbringing in the beautiful Colorado mountains, but perhaps more important was the love that the Korthius family gave in abundance to the countless children that came to the camp each year.

After leaving Camp IdRaHaJe in 1984, Bob and Ellen briefly contemplated serving as missionaries in Alaska, but instead decided to move to Northeastern Colorado to work with American Missionary Fellowship. All of us in Northeast Colorado are glad they made that choice.

My husband, Steve, and I had been campers at IdRaHaJe years earlier, and when Bob and Ellen moved to Northeastern Colorado, we began what has been a very meaningful, lasting friendship. Since 1985, Bob has pastored up to nine small, rural churches, including one almost completely filled with members of my husband's family. Bob and Ellen spent each week traveling to little places like Hoyt, Prairie View, Adena and Hillrose to spread the love of Christ to people in these communities.

Despite their busy schedules, they always managed to find time to run Vacation Bible Schools in the summer, and in July and August, they would run Homestead Bible Camp at Kiowa Crossing. I have many fond memories of that place, where I served as a counselor and watched my children enjoy being campers.

In 1996, Bob and Ellen began a tremendous ministry for abused and abandoned youth at Preston Ranch. This ministry has provided numerous children with the opportunity to grow up in a loving, stable family.

Although they officially retired from ministry on March 31, 2004, Bob and Ellen continue to stay busy, leading Bible studies and encouraging others in the faith.

Their story is truly a testament of the Lord's faithfulness and provision. It has been my privilege to call Bob and Ellen Korthius my friends, and it is my honor to pay tribute to their life of service on the floor of the United States House of Representatives.

AMBASSADOR JOSEPH VERNER REED SPEAKS IN MEMORY OF RONALD REAGAN

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on June 5, 2004, our nation lost a distinguished statesman, a world leader and a fine President in Ronald Reagan. President Reagan was a man of his word, and his principles were unquestionable. He had extraordinary faith in the promise of America and the belief that the best of America is yet to come.

On July 2, 2004, Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, paid homage to Mr. Reagan at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea. I submit the text of Mr. Reed's address to be entered into the RECORD.

STATEMENT OF AMBASSADOR JOSEPH VERNER REED AT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR PAN PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL STUDIES OF KYUNG HEE UNIVERSITY, SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

An event in the United States eclipsed matters in the media recently, and that was the passing of President Ronald Reagan.

I was privileged to have been appointed to three posts by President Reagan. First as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, then as Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations as Ambassador to the Economic and Social Council and lastly as the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs of the United Nations.

Several years ago I was privileged to accept on behalf of President Reagan, here at Kyung Hee University, the Great World Peace Award. It was an honor and a privilege.

Ronald Wilson Reagan—father, husband, actor and dedicated public servant—restored the pride, optimism and strength of the United States and earned deep respect and affection of his fellow citizens. When he passed away, we witnessed an outpouring of solemnity, sorrow and reflection in our country. In the view of many people, President Reagan remains the most significant United States President since Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He was a man who changed the course of American politics, culture and world history. He was right on the most important questions of his era: the role of government and the defeat of the Soviet Union. The structure of the American economy was altered profoundly by his term. Top tax rates have never returned to their previously punitive levels. America's current standing in world affairs is also a direct result of President Reagan's calling the Soviet Union's bluff in the 1980s and restoring US military power and self-confidence. This was not evident at the time. Everything President Reagan did was challenged. He was a polarizing figure—more disdained in Europe than President George W. Bush is today. For at least half his presidency he was unpopular at home as well, as most effective Presidents are.

With his Californian optimism, President Reagan transformed conservatism into a progressive force, into a political philosophy that took risks and changed things. President Reagan took conservatism into a reformist, unapologetic governing philosophy. That achievement endures in the United States.

I feel blessed to have been appointed to posts in public service by President Reagan. He inspired; he amused; he gave conviction a sunny disposition. Because of him, millions live in freedom where they once labored under tyranny. Because of Ronald Wilson Reagan, America was recharged and freedom reborn. In life it is rare to live under a political leader who evokes love as well as respect.

President Reagan's extraordinary political gifts carried him through—his talents as a communicator, his intuitive understanding of the average American, his unfailing geniality even after being hit by an assassin's bullet, his ability to build and sustain friendships across partisan lines. Those gifts—and his conviction that words counted for far more in politics than mere deeds—enabled him to convince large majorities that as long

as he was in charge, it would remain "Morning in America". I believe the cool eye of history will place Ronald Reagan in the list of the great Presidents.

President Reagan believed that America was not just a place in the world, but the hope of the world. He came to office with great hopes for America. He was optimistic that a strong America could advance peace, and he acted to build the strength that this mission required. He was optimistic that liberty would thrive wherever it was planted, and he acted to defend liberty wherever it was threatened. And Ronald Reagan believed in the power of truth in the conduct of world affairs. When he saw evil camped across the horizon, he called that evil by its name. Who can ever forget President Reagan in Berlin calling "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall"?

Ronald Wilson Reagan belongs to the ages; a great American story has closed.

A TRIBUTE TO THE USS "RONALD REAGAN" ON ARRIVING AT ITS NEW HOME PORT OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the USS *Ronald Reagan* and its crew on their arrival this week at their new home port of San Diego, California.

I am pleased that one of the President Reagan's many legacies is the Navy's newest nuclear carrier, the USS *Ronald Reagan*. The ship recently set sail from Norfolk for its rightful home in San Diego. Throughout his political career, President Reagan always concluded his campaign in San Diego. He called it his "Lucky City." It is only fitting that our shining city on the hill, San Diego, will be home to the USS *Ronald Reagan*.

This ship is perhaps the most fitting tribute to Ronald Reagan's legacy of strength and security, to the imprint he had on our past, and the promise that we hold for the future. The ship's motto, "Peace Through Strength," was borrowed from one of President Reagan's radio addresses and embodies the essence of his vision of national security.

The USS *Ronald Reagan* is the most advanced aircraft carrier in the world. It has the newest hull design, two nuclear reactors, a length of 1,092 feet, a top speed over 30 knots, over 6,000 highly-trained service members, and more than 80 of the world's top aircraft. Finally, its 4.5 acres of flight deck are American territory that can be used to project our presence anywhere in the world.

A United States ship is a powerful symbol and the USS *Ronald Reagan* stands to be the most powerful of all. It will be a welcome sight to many around the world who see it as an example of America's strength and protection of freedom. It will also bring caution to people and nations who would deny that freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you urge our colleagues to join me in recognizing the outstanding service of the USS *Ronald Reagan* and its crew and wish them the best in all their future endeavors. San Diego anxiously awaits the arrival of the USS *Ronald Reagan* and our opportunity to welcome it home to its "Lucky City."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JAMIE HASSLER

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the life and memory of Jamie Hassler of Grand Junction, Colorado. After a courageous battle with cancer, Jamie passed away at the young age of fourteen. I personally knew Jamie, and I was enthralled with his contagious optimism and outgoing demeanor. As his family and friends mourn his passing, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Jamie's amazing life before this body of Congress and this nation today.

Jamie was born in 1989 in San Jose, California, and soon thereafter, his family moved to Grand Junction where he spent most of his life. Diagnosed with cancer at an early age, Jamie had to overcome many obstacles in his young life. However, he eagerly tackled those challenges head on, and was never discouraged. Jamie had a great love for the outdoors, and jumped at any opportunity to go camping or fishing. He took comfort in listening to music. One of his dreams was to fly in a helicopter, and with the help of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, that dream became a reality.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to pay tribute to the memory of Jamie Hassler before this body of Congress and this nation. His passion for life serves as an inspiration to us all, and I am comforted in knowing his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of the Grand Junction community. I wish to offer my deepest condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time of bereavement.

A TRIBUTE HONORING ROGER DURBIN, PETER DURBIN, AND MELISSA GROWDEN OF BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on May 29, 2004, members of the Greatest Generation gathered for the unveiling of the World War II Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. It is right that we, as Americans, commemorate the men and women who selflessly gave their lives on foreign shores to halt the march of tyranny during the darkest days of World War II.

Roger Durbin was a young man and father when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. After the war, the former tank mechanic went on to work, raised a family, and lived a normal life, but he never forgot what he had seen and experienced in the War. At the Jerusalem Township Fish Fry in 1986, Roger Durbin approached Congresswoman Nancy Kaptur about a memorial to commemorate the sacrifices made by the Greatest Generation. That conversation would be the beginning of a 17-year quest for Roger Durbin, which culminated on May 30, 2004 with the dedication of the World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Roger Durbin would not live to see his dream become a reality; he passed away in February of 2000. It would fall to his son, Peter Durbin, and his granddaughter, Melissa Growden, to continue to advance the memorial through to completion. From maintaining Roger's collection of letters and war memorabilia to serving on the Battle Monuments Committee, Peter and Melissa have kept Roger's dream alive.

I rise today to honor the dedication of the Durbin family to the World War II Memorial. Their hard work and determination to honor those who have fallen in service to their country is a testament of what can be accomplished when we persevere in a task to honor not ourselves, but others.

RECOGNIZING MS. DIANE
BROWNING

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I request the House of Representatives join me in recognizing Ms. Diane Browning, who has been chosen the Women of Westland's 2004 Woman of the Year.

Ms. Browning's dedication to Westland led her to serve as the Women of Westland's Secretary this past year, in which role she has participated in every event the group has sponsored—the Relay of Life, a 24-hour charitable walk for the American Cancer Society to promote cancer research; the Respite Relief program to provide for children; countless scholarship programs to promote educational opportunities; and, of course, her long standing devotion to the Huron Valley Girl Scouts.

Honest, intelligent, and intensely involved in the life of her city, Ms. Browning truly represents the transcendent spirit of Westland. Her daughter, Gretchen, and her parents, Bud and Virginia Hassett, are rightfully proud of Diane's undeniable mark on the community; and we are all admiring of and appreciative for her inspired leadership on behalf of our community and our country.

JACKSON VOTED "NO" ON HOUSE
RESOLUTION 713

HON. JESSE L. JACKSON, JR.

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on July 15, I voted "no" on House Resolution 713. As a strong supporter of a negotiated two-state solution in the Middle East—a strong supporter of the State of Israel and a strong supporter of a Palestinian State—it is my view that this resolution will not contribute to a negotiating process that will lead toward peace.

The U.S. must be a credible mediator that maintains the respect and support of both parties in the peace process—the Road Map—so that U.S. conciliation efforts will be effective in achieving a just and lasting peace.

And as a strong supporter of the United Nations and the International Court of Justice

(ICJ), I will not condemn the UN for making the request or the ICJ for issuing an advisory opinion at the request of the General Assembly on the consequences and legality of constructing a security barrier. How can we condemn a democratic process that renders a requested non-binding opinion? We may agree or disagree with the opinion, but we cannot condemn the ICJ for exercising its right to speak freely and render an opinion upon request.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, July 13, I missed rollcall votes No. 363 through No. 370. The reason being that my district was hit with nearly a foot of rain and as a result of this 1000-year flood, my presence was needed in New Jersey to ensure cooperation with and assistance from FEMA during this disaster.

However, had I been present, I would have voted in the following fashion: vote No. 363, "aye"; vote No. 364 "aye"; vote No. 365 "aye"; vote No. 366 "no"; vote No. 367 "no"; vote No. 368 "aye"; vote No. 369 "no"; vote No. 370 "aye."

HONORING SANDRA FELDMAN ON
HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
PRESIDENCY OF THE AMERICAN
FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

SPEECH OF

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2004

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in honoring the work of Sandra Feldman as she retires as president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). Ms. Feldman began her career as a teacher and has committed her life to working with and advocating for teachers across the country.

I want to draw attention today to some of her most recent work and that is her service on a distinguished panel known as the Teaching Commission. The Teaching Commission is a diverse group, comprising 19 leaders in government, business and education. The Commission recently released a Call to Action with specific recommendations to raise student performance by transforming the way in which America's public school teachers are recruited and retained. We know that a high-quality, caring, effective teacher can mean the difference between a lifetime of success or failure in a child's life. Ms. Feldman has dedicated her career to help ensure that every child has such a teacher—and hopefully many such teachers—in his or her life, and I want to personally thank Ms. Feldman for her work on the Teaching Commission.

As the AFT's first female president since 1930, Ms. Feldman has also broken ground for young women to follow in her footsteps. I

want to thank Ms. Feldman for her tireless efforts and wish her all the best in the days and years to come.

CHIEF WADE SETTER NAMED
D.A.R.E. LAW ENFORCEMENT
EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to proudly pay tribute to Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Police Chief Wade Setter, who has been named "2004 D.A.R.E. Law Enforcement Executive of the Year."

Nobody is more deserving of this prestigious award than Chief Setter. Nobody has done more to keep kids off drugs, which is what D.A.R.E.—Drug Abuse Resistance Education—is all about.

Chief Setter has been a very special friend of D.A.R.E., and he has done so much to keep our young people on course and away from the destructive influence of drugs. His strong, effective leadership in promoting drug abuse prevention and education initiatives has truly been exemplary.

Chief Setter has been with the Brooklyn Park Police Department his entire professional career. He started as an officer in 1979 and has been Chief since 1996. During his career, Wade has served as a patrol officer, investigator, sergeant, director of investigations and commander of the Hennepin-Anoka Suburban Drug Task Force.

Chief Wade Setter's commitment to serving his community, to children and to prevention education has been inspiring. Chief Setter has served as President of the Hennepin County Chiefs of Police Association and was awarded the 2002 Community Leadership Award by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

In addition, Chief Setter has been a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police since 1996. He is also a member and past president of the Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

Mr. Speaker, Chief Setter is a board member of Minnesota D.A.R.E., and he has served on the National Law Enforcement Advisory Committee of D.A.R.E. America since 1999. Chief Setter has been a member of the Advisory Board of Minnesota D.A.R.E. since 2000, and a member of my Law Enforcement Advisory Committee since 1996.

Chief Setter is a tireless advocate for the D.A.R.E. program in Brooklyn Park and throughout Minnesota. Since D.A.R.E. began in our state, Chief Setter has encouraged countless officers to participate in the program. Chief Setter truly represents the best in public service!

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the people of Minnesota and our nation, I want to thank Chief Wade Setter for his steadfast vigilance to keep kids off drugs and teach them to make smart choices. Clearly, Chief Wade Setter was the smart choice for "2004 D.A.R.E. Law Enforcement Executive of the Year!"

Mr. Speaker, we salute Chief Wade Setter for his outstanding public service and congratulate him on this important national honor.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JIM
CAFFRAY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Jim Caffray and thank him for his work as Archives Technician with the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant are certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. I, along with my fellow Americans am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

Jim Caffray served in the Navy during the Vietnam era and later continued his service to this nation when he became an Intermittent Archives Aid in June of 1992. He was hired full time in the civilian division of the NPRC in February of 1993. Jim was reassigned to Military Personnel Records in April of 1995. As an Archives Technician, Jim has served over 25,000 veterans by responding to requests for records. As an Expert Technician, Jim supports Archives Technicians on his team with his historical knowledge, while responding to the most complex inquiries received by the Center.

During my tenure in the United States Congress, Jim provided exceptional service to constituents of the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. Jim worked hard to ensure that inquiries on behalf of my constituents submitted to NPRC were addressed in a timely and thorough manner. Jim routinely demonstrated a willingness to assist beyond the standard response, showing a genuine concern for the constituent while upholding the policies of the National Personnel Records Center.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Jim has been an invaluable resource to the National Personnel Records Center. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with dedicated public servants like Jim Caffray. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the National Personnel Records Center and constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of dedicated service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, on July 15 and July 19, 2004, I was unavoidably absent from rollcall votes numbered 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, and 393. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcalls 385, 387, 390, 391, 392, and 393. I would have voted "nay" on rollcalls 386, 388, and 389.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 15, 2004, I was unable to vote on the Buyer Amendment to H.R. 4818, the FY2005 Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act (rollcall number 385). Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

WALMART'S COMMUNITY
INVESTMENT

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud Wal-Mart's recent investment in community. Wal-Mart has decided to look no further than America's backyard to facilitate the manufacturing of quality products from a quality company here at home, Pinnacle Frames & Accents. Wal-Mart's recent decision to renew its contract with Pinnacle displays the company's desire to help the American worker as well as stimulate the American economy.

Wal-Mart deserves praise for making a conscious effort to employ American workers producing American products. Not only has Wal-Mart supported a superior company manufacturing a superior product, but it has deliberately strengthened the company's own ties within the community.

As a further example of Wal-Mart's commitment to community, as Reservists and members of the National Guard are called up for duty, Wal-Mart has ensured our brave men and women receive 100% of their salary while they are protecting our freedoms abroad. This selfless act on behalf of our troops is rare and sets an example we can only hope the rest of corporate America will follow.

Pinnacle Frames & Accents, who just recently renewed their contract with Wal-Mart, is located in Piggott and Pocahontas, Arkansas and maintains a commitment to creating excellent products through their diligent work ethic and professional attention to detail. Pinnacle's employees are hardworking Americans eager and enthusiastic to produce the best products on the market. Wal-Mart, through its recent contract, has proved that one does not have to venture outside of the U.S. to find first-rate, premium products at a fair price like those produced by Pinnacle.

On behalf of the Congress, I recognize Wal-Mart for its decision to continue to invest in its rural roots as well as Pinnacle for their devoted workers and their distinguished business ideals. Wal-Mart's interest in American business practices is apparent through the renewal of this contract with Pinnacle who jointly shares in the company's desire to manufacture superior, quality products.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote 391, to promote freedom and democracy in Viet Nam (H.R. 1587); rollcall vote 392, concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world (S. Con. Res. 114); rollcall vote 393, to require a report on the conflict in Uganda (S. 2264).

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for rollcall votes 391, 392 and 393.

HONORING 130 YEARS OF HISTORY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Dover Fire Department, of the Town of Dover, in Morris County, New Jersey, a vibrant community I am proud to represent! On July 17, 2004, the good citizens of Dover are celebrating the Fire Department's One-Hundred-Thirtieth Anniversary with a parade.

For 130 years, the Dover Fire Department has been protecting and serving the residents of their community. The fire department is made up of eighty-five volunteers, including Fire Chief Kevin Kasko. Mr. Kasko's father was also a fire department volunteer, serving for forty years. Other dedicated members of the fire department include First Assistant Chief Walter Michalski, Second Assistant Chief William Gilbert, and Third Assistant Chief Edward Ridner. The fire department has three grand marshals with over fifty years of dedicated service to the community they are Fred Sharp, William Gardner, and Herbert Swartz.

The Dover Fire Department has a deep history that is evident in their striking collection of antique fire equipment. To commemorate the Dover Fire Department's 130 year anniversary, thirty-five fire departments from nearby communities will join in a parade that follows a route through a historic area of Dover.

From its charter members to its current roster, the membership of the Dover Fire Department, over the last one hundred thirty years, has dedicated itself to the safety and welfare of Dover's good citizens. Dover's firefighters, dedicated public servants, past and present, are to be commended for a job well done!

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the Dover Fire Department on the celebration of its one-hundred thirty years protecting one of New Jersey's finest municipalities.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OLATHE
REBEKAH LODGE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute to the Rebekahs of

Olathe, Colorado for their group's dedication to building a more civil community through strong companionship. Recently, the chapter celebrated one-hundred years of fellowship and service to the community. As they mark this impressive milestone, I would like to recognize their outstanding commitment to promoting the community before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The Rebekahs started nationally in 1851 to encourage loyal relationships with God, while simultaneously building strong relationships in the community. The Rebekah chapter in Olathe was chartered in 1904 by a petition of twenty-seven of the original thirty-two charter members. They created a loyal group that provides companionship for each other as members. Additionally, they created a body committed to a better citizenship by teaching strong moral character. Since 1913, the Rebekahs have been meeting twice a month in the same building of the Olathe Community Center.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the staying power and service to others the Rebekahs have demonstrated over the years. Their commitment to a strong community is apparent through their kind work and I congratulate the Rebekahs on their anniversary.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF EUGENE FARRELL

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of Eugene Farrell from Dermott, Arkansas who passed away on July 3, 2004. As a dedicated member to the City of Dermott, Mr. Farrell's life was full of honors and achievements.

Mr. Farrell was a selfless public servant, serving not only as Mayor of Dermott from 1988–1999, but also as a Quorum Court member. For his dedication and loyalty to the City of Dermott and Chicot County, I will forever be grateful.

I am deeply saddened by the death of Mr. Farrell. His passing will leave a huge void on the Chicot County Quorum Court, the City of Dermott, and in the lives of many friends. My heart goes out to his wife of 59 years, June Barrett, and their four children, Sheila Brannon, Linda Fowler, Buddy Farrell, and Brian Fowler. I extend my sincerest sympathies to them and can only hope that we find some solace in the lasting legacy of Eugene Farrell as his spirit lives on in each of us.

RECOGNIZING MR. F.E. WHITNEY

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. F.E. Whitney of Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

F.E. Whitney has faithfully served his country, his community and his fellow citizens through a lifetime of public service.

Mr. Whitney's family settled in Hopkinsville in 1897. He was born in 1916. He graduated from Kentucky State University in 1937 and returned to Hopkinsville where he still resides today.

Mr. Whitney is a member of what Tom Brokaw termed "The Greatest Generation", serving his country honorably in World War II.

Mr. Whitney has been an involved citizen in Christian County and Hopkinsville, Kentucky for over 50 years. He became a member of the Kentucky Association of Realtors in 1958 and was later accepted as a member of the National Board of Realtors. He was the first African American member.

Some of F.E. Whitney's many accomplishments include serving the public as a Realtor and Small Business Owner when he established F. E. Whitney Real Estate Agency, Inc. in 1948. This business remains in operation today.

F.E. Whitney served 21 years on the Hopkinsville City Council. In 1973, he served as Mayor Pro Tem. In 1977, he was elected to the Christian County Fiscal Court where he served over 20 years. Mr. Whitney has served the Pennyryle Area Development District, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, The Pioneer's and his church. He has been an activist for civil rights.

F.E. Whitney was honored by Christian County and the State of Kentucky when the I-24 Welcome Center was named in his honor.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. F.E. Whitney embodies the spirit, commitment and sacrifice that we all should strive for in our daily lives. He has not only made a success out of his life, but he has also been a gift to our community. I am proud to represent him in the Congress. On behalf of the citizens of the First District of Kentucky, we thank him for his service and we bring his accomplishments to the attention of this House.

INTRODUCTION OF H.R. 4855

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was joined by Mr. Boswell of Iowa in introducing legislation to create an Independent National Security Classification Board to review current standards and procedures for the classification of information for national security purposes and make recommendations for needed changes.

Today's classification system is broken. The Executive Branch exerts almost total control over what should or should not be classified. There is no self-correcting mechanism in the system. The Executive Branch has a little known group that can review classification issues, but it is seldom used and open only to Executive Branch employees, not to Members of Congress or the public.

The bottom line is: there is no independent review of the classification decisions by the Executive Branch.

With no chance of unbiased review, classification decisions are ready and ripe for abuse. Agencies wishing to hide their flaws and politicians of both parties wishing to make political points can abuse the existing classification guidelines to their advantage. This needs to change.

William Leonard, Director of the Information Security Office, acknowledged in a recent speech that the classification system for national security has lost touch with the basics; that some agencies don't know how much information they classify, or whether they are classifying more or less than they once did; whether they are classifying too much or too little. He called today's classification system "a patchwork quilt" that is the result of a hodgepodge of laws, regulations and directives. "In reality," he said "the Federal Government has so many varieties of classification that it can make Heinz look modest . . ."

The most recent evidence that the system is broken can be found in the forthcoming 9–11 Commission report and last week's Senate Intelligence Committee Report on Iraq pre-war intelligence. But the problems of declassification also plagued the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001, on which Mr. Boswell and I both served. All of these reports show the problems that arise from a "need to know" rather than a "need to share" culture of overclassification.

Even more important than the information that is published in these reports is the information withheld from the public and redacted from the reports. These reports demonstrate a serious imbalance of power between the public and the officials who make the classification decisions. They raise troubling questions about whether those who control the classification of information for national security purposes have misused this authority to shield officials from the glare of public accountability and to stifle public debate about politically sensitive parts of the war on terrorism.

This legislation establishes an Independent National Security Classification Board. The Board would be made up of three individuals, knowledgeable in national security classification, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The task of the Independent Board would be to review and make recommendations on overhauling the standards and process used in the classification system for national security information. The Board would submit proposed new standards and processes to both Congress and the Executive Branch for comment and revision, and then implement the new standards and process once they have had the opportunity to comment. The Board would then begin to implement the new system, reviewing and making recommendations on current and new national security classifications, subject to Executive Branch veto that must be accompanied by a public, written explanation.

The balance in this proposal assures that the public and Congress have access to an independent Board for national security classification matters while leaving undisturbed the Commander in Chief's constitutional prerogative in military and foreign policy matters through the power to appoint the Board and to veto the Board's classification decisions.

This bill was introduced in the Senate by a bipartisan group of Senators and it is our hope that this bill will attract bipartisan support in the House. However, with so little time left in the legislative session and in recognition of the importance of these issues, Mr. Boswell and I, both members of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, felt it was important to get this bill into the process now. I urge Members to support this bill.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A PRIVATE
BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF MALIK
JARNO

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a private bill to make Malik Jarno a permanent resident of the United States and to end the protracted ordeal of immigration removal proceedings that has spanned almost one-quarter of this young man's life.

Malik is a mentally disabled teenage orphan from Guinea whose compelling plight has attracted the concern and involvement of more than 70 members of Congress, countless citizens, the international media and dozens of national, state and local organizations working with the mentally disabled, children and immigrants and refugees.

Deporting Malik to Guinea to face life-threatening circumstances would run contrary to the standard of human rights and decency this country maintains. Members of Malik's family were killed and his home was destroyed in the midst of ethnically and politically motivated violence in Guinea. Immigration authorities have received overwhelming evidence of Malik's shattered life and the serious risk of harm he faces, given his father's status as a prominent political dissident, at the hands of Guinean authorities. The heightened threat associated with Malik's deportation places a special responsibility on this country to consider the well-being and livelihood of this young man.

In addition, as a mentally disabled, homeless orphan, the potential risks of a life in Guinea are aggravated. With no known family or friends to care for Malik, he faces the reality of being relegated to the fringes of a society that has no infrastructure or services to support this young man's special needs. According to information from USAID, UNICEF, UNHCR, WHO and other agencies, there are no government or non-profit programs or legal protections for mentally disabled individuals in Guinea. Given his disability, he will face ostracism and severe discrimination and be extremely vulnerable to physical abuse, oppressive conditions and hostile treatment.

In an act of desperation, family friends that were looking after Malik put him on a plane bound for the United States. Upon his arrival at Dulles International Airport in 2001, Malik was detained by immigration officials and held in adult jails, where his special needs as a mentally disabled child were neglected in the company of adult convicts, for eight months, before he was allowed to appear before a judge to apply for asylum. Only after another two years of detention was Malik transferred from a maximum security prison to a refugee shelter in York, Pennsylvania. His case is now pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

This ordeal has dragged on for too many years and the perpetual uncertainty has left Malik anxious and unsettled. He continues to study, make friends, and go to school in York, Pennsylvania, but with the constant threat of being torn away from his life in the United States. Malik has a promising future in the United States and this bill will provide Malik with a permanent immigration status and the path to becoming a productive and contributing citizen.

In these troubled times, where our reputation as a beacon for human rights has been challenged by the situation in Iraq, the United States has a heightened responsibility to guarantee justice and humane treatment to the most vulnerable in society instead of relegating a mentally disabled orphan to such a horrific fate.

CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD IN
SCHOOLS TO HUNGRY OR MAL-
NOURISHED CHILDREN AROUND
THE WORLD

SPEECH OF

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in support of House Resolution 422. Recognizing that more than 300 million children suffer from chronic hunger worldwide, we need to restore funding for this program at levels similar to those of the original pilot program.

Providing nutritious food at schools worldwide is a simple, but effective way to improve literacy rates and help poor children break out of poverty.

I strongly believe this funding is key to combating several root causes of international terrorism. It increases the school attendance of children who may otherwise be susceptible to recruitment by terrorist groups who offer meals.

As a co-sponsor of this legislation, I also believe that by providing financial and technical assistance for school feeding and maternal and child nutrition programs, we help fight HIV/AIDS. Schools provide one of the most effective means to teach children about disease prevention.

These are specific examples of how school feeding operations benefit low-income countries.

The fact that both the initial pilot program and the current McGovern-Dole Program have a proven track record at reducing the incidence of hunger among school-age children, increasing attendance, particularly for girls, and improving literacy and primary education, clearly indicates that we should work with the United Nations and its member states to expand international contributions for the distribution of food in schools around the world.

Mr. Speaker, let us not forget how global school feeding operations benefit low-income countries—education is a path to upward mobility that can help poor children improve their standard of living, and, most importantly, help poor nations develop more productive, self-reliant economies.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO HERB AND
ARA WEIMER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute to Herb and Ara

Weimer of Westcliffe, Colorado. Herb and Ara are valuable members of their community, and volunteer their time and efforts towards bettering their community. In recognition of their service, the Custer County Chamber of Commerce recently recognized them by naming them the 2004 Citizens of the Year for their efforts in the community and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize their efforts before this body of Congress and this nation today.

As members of the Custer County community, the Weimers feel a responsibility to actively volunteer in their community. They have a passion for history and desire to contribute to the preservation of the rich history of their community and gather information to educate future generations about their predecessors. With this interest in history, Herb is the president and Ara is a board member of the Custer County Historical and Genealogical Society. Their positions enable them to coordinate the programs the society puts on each month. They also pursue their interest in history by helping with the annual History and Horses Tour for the Friends of the Library. They are active in volunteering to help those in need, aiding senior citizens, bringing meals on wheels and providing transportation. They have worked with a group to restore the Willow's School and Beckwith Ranch, and remain active members in Valley Bible Church.

Mr. Speaker, Herb and Ara Weimer have shown outstanding dedication to their community, and I am honored to recognize their service before this body of Congress and this nation. The Weimers' humble nature in their pursuits to volunteer and help fellow citizens contributes in the building of a strong community. I congratulate them on receiving the Citizen of the Year Award and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer a personal explanation. On Monday, July 19th, I was unavoidably detained at Newark International Airport, due to both mechanical problems and bad weather, while traveling back for votes on Rollcall Votes 391–393. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall Votes 391–393.

DEPLORING MISUSE OF INTER-
NATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE
BY UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY FOR POLITICAL PUR-
POSE

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 14, 2004

Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I voted against H. Res. 713 because I believe the intent of this resolution had nothing to do with Israel's best interests, nor with promoting peace in the Middle East. The text was written by the Republican majority with the explicit intent of trying to be as politically divisive as possible.

I strongly believe that Israel has the right to defend itself against terrorism. However, while the resolution expresses support for Israel's right to construct a security barrier, it is clear to me that this measure was a cynical attempt to divide people for political gain here in the United States.

There are legitimate questions as to the propriety and wisdom of the action taken by the International Court of Justice, ICJ, in this matter, and in fact I personally disagree with their decision. However, this resolution goes too far and condemns the ICJ for politicizing an issue, when the very reason the Republican majority brought this issue to the floor is for political purposes.

Over the past four years, the House of Representatives has passed, with my support, at least nine non-binding Resolutions in regards to Israel. I entreat the leadership to now expend the same effort and energy to craft meaningful legislation that actually takes substantive action to further the Middle East peace process rather than paying so much lip service, as we too often do on issues of importance.

Over the years, the United States has been a vital player in facilitating peace negotiations in the Middle East. I have long said that the U.S. should be the first to support Israel's right to protect its citizens. I have also taken the position that Congress should not formally endorse the security fence, nor should we oppose it. To do so, I believe, meddles in internal Israeli affairs and compromises the U.S.'s ability to be a player in future peace negotiations.

The future security of the Middle East depends on negotiating a just, permanent, and peaceful settlement between Israelis and Palestinians that both guarantees Israel's security and establishes a Palestinian state. I cannot support resolutions, such as H. Res. 713, that are detrimental to this process.

I believe that it is the responsibility of those who are pro-Israel, like myself, to support measures that advance the security of Israel. This legislation does not do that. My efforts and advocacy over the years on behalf of Israel speaks for itself, and my support for Israel will continue throughout my tenure as a Member. I urge the Republican majority to get serious about promoting peace in the Middle East and the security of Israel rather than wasting Congress' time with non-binding resolutions intended to make political points in an election year.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOSHUA PHILIPS OF COCONUT CREEK, FL, WINNER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ART CONTEST

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Joshua Phillips of Coconut Creek,

Florida, the 22nd Congressional District's winner of the 2004 annual Congressional Art Competition. When I was first confronted with the complex montage of images that is Joshua's piece, American Aesthetic, I was immediately struck with its creativity and uniqueness. American Aesthetic now adorns the Cannon Capitol tunnel, and I have taken special care to instruct my staff to point it out to tour groups that they lead. Despite being among what is a group of some of the finest pieces of art done by young people in this nation, I am constantly told, and I agree, that Josh's artwork stands alone.

Of course, Joshua's achievement should not come as a surprise since he is a young man who has already made a name for himself through his accomplishments as his school's starting defensive end, and in the highly competitive academic program at his high school, Westminster Academy. It is worth noting that Joshua is Westminster Academy's second winner in this competition, proving that its high-quality academic program works to engender the kind of excellence in youth that our nation values.

Mr. Speaker, again I would like to extend my congratulations to this extraordinary young man.

COMMENDING JACK YANOSOV FOR HELPING DESIGN THE TRANSMITTERS USED 35 YEARS AGO TODAY BY THE APOLLO SPACE MISSION THAT LANDED ON THE MOON

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Jack Yanosov who helped design the transmitters that were used 35 years ago today in the Apollo mission that landed on the Moon.

It was a humble rise for Jack Yanosov, who began his career on the RCA assembly line, and would eventually become the lead engineer on the Apollo communications project. It was on a transmitter built by Jack Yanosov that the first words were ever spoken on a planetary body other than Earth. It was 35 years ago today, on July 20, 1969 that Neil Armstrong uttered his famous words that would inspire a generation, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." The good news for Neil Armstrong and the rest of the world, Jack Yanosov's transmitter worked just like it was designed to do.

Today is a special day for our Nation. Thirty-five years ago, our country was locked in an arms race during a cold war that threatened to turn hot at any moment. The race for the Moon was more than just a prize in the darkest reaches of space, it symbolized our Nation's commitment to American ingenuity. We

met our goal and made it to the Moon, and we did it first. I am proud that a resident of New Jersey played such an important role in this groundbreaking human achievement. I would like to congratulate Jack Yanosov, and thank him on behalf of the people of New Jersey's Second Congressional District and America for a job well done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CLIFTON LIONS CLUB

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Lions Club Chapter of Clifton, Colorado on their sixty-fifth anniversary. Over the years, this organization has provided an invaluable service to the community, both socially and philanthropically. It is my privilege to acknowledge their service and achievements before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The Lions Club is an international organization that has existed since 1917. The Clifton chapter was chartered in 1939 with the purpose of creating a social group to serve the community. The primary function of the Lions Club is to focus on preventing and fighting blindness and helping people with visual impairments improve their quality of life. They also work more generally to improve the community in any way they can. The chapter is active in the community by holding events that attempt to raise the morale in the community by bringing people together at carnivals or pancake breakfasts, while at the same time raising money for their causes.

Mr. Speaker, the Clifton Lions Club has dutifully served the Clifton community for sixty-five years. Their hard work and dedication makes the community stronger. I congratulate the Clifton Lions Club on their anniversary and wish them all the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unavoidably detained in my district. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall Nos. 391, 392, and 393.